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KC MAN CHARGED WITH THREATENING FEDERAL WITNESS IN INVESTIGATION OF RACIALLY-MOTIVATED MURDER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was charged in federal court today with threatening to retaliate against a person he believed was cooperating with the investigation into a racially-motivated murder.

Justin Buchanan, 23, of Kansas City, was charged in a criminal complaint filed today in U.S. District Court in Kansas City with threatening to cause bodily injury to another person with the intent to retaliate against that person for providing information to a law enforcement officer about a possible federal offense.

According to an affidavit filed in support of today's complaint, federal investigators became aware that threats were being made toward several individuals who were believed to be cooperating in the federal investigation of the racially-motivated murder of William McCay.

Buchanan intended to turn himself in to law enforcement authorities on arrest warrants, the affidavit says, in order to gain access to a state prison inmate whom he believed had provided information about the case to law enforcement officials. According to the affidavit, a letter was intercepted in which **Buchanan** confirmed his plans to a friend who has been charged in the murder.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys David M. Ketchmark and Michael Green. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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